

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are the pending claims in the present application. Applicants hereby cancel, without prejudice, claims 13-15, 17-21, 23-28, and 35-51. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

1. Applicants note with appreciation that the amendments put forth in Paper 24 have been entered in full.
2. Applicants note with appreciation that any objections not expressly maintained have been withdrawn.
3. Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 33, and 34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over the claims of copending Application No. 08/900220. Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer which is believed to obviate the objection.

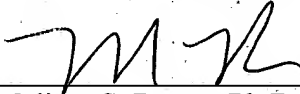
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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